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ENJOY INTERACTIVE SCIENCE ACTIVITIES AT HALLOWEEN BASH

MISSOULA—

The public is invited to the family-friendly Creepy Science Bash at The University of Montana's spectrUM Discovery Area from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28.

The event brings Halloween to UM's new interactive science museum, located on campus in Skaggs Building Room 166. Halloween costumes are strongly encouraged.

Admission is \$1.50 for spectrUM members and \$5 for nonmembers.

An array of hands-on activities and demonstrations will occur throughout the day. Visitors will have an opportunity to carve their own jack-o'-lanterns and decorate them with colorful light-emitting diodes, make slime and explore liquid nitrogen.

Witness the beauty of chemistry when UM scientists Nick Natale and Katie George harness the power of dry ice and water to explode jack-o'-lanterns. This demonstration will take place in the parking lot of the Skaggs Building at 1:30 p.m. and again at 3:30 p.m.

Those who can't make the Creepy Science Bash can visit the spectrUM Discovery Area during its regular hours from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Thursdays or from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

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This event is part of a weeklong celebration of chemistry taking place across the nation. National Chemistry Week was started as an effort to inform the general public about the positive contributions of chemistry.

The spectrUM Discovery Area is sponsored by the National Science Foundation Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research and UM's College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences to inspire a culture of learning and discovery for all.

For more information, call Holly Truitt at 406-243-4828 or e-mail holly.truitt@umontana.edu. Information also is online at <http://www.mtnsfepscor.org>. Click on "Outreach" and then "spectrUM."

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